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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, US, NI

SUBJECT: PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF OBASANJO VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 210505, (B) LAGOS 10291, (C) STATE 215058

1. DURING VISIT SEPTEMBER 9, MEA AMERICAS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR MUSA PRESENTED EMBOFF WITH DRAFT PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT CONTAINING CHANGES DESIRED BY NIGERIANS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. THE HEAD OF STATE, LT. GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NEXT MONTH. GENERAL OBASANJO WILL THEREFORE LEAVE LAGOS FOR WASHINGTON ON THE 10TH OF OCTOBER TO BEGIN A STATE VISIT.

THE HEAD OF STATE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, MILITARY GOVERNORS, FEDERAL COMMISSIONERS AND TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THE HEAD OF STATE WILL ALSO VISIT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK WHERE HE WILL HAVE TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

THE VISIT WHICH IS THE FIRST BY A NIGERIAN HEAD

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OF STATE IS SIGNIFICANT TAKING PL CE AT A TIME WHEN NIGERIA AND THE UNITED STATE ENJOY CLOSE RELATIONS. END TEXT.

2. MUSA STRESSED CHANGES WERE NECESSARY FOR LOCAL MEDIA. IT IS CLEAR THAT GON VIEWS "JOINT PRESS RELEASE" AS ONE COORDINATED IN TIME OF ISSUANCE AND SUBSTANCE. AS SUBSTANCE OF TWO VERSIONS IS COMPATIBLE AND ANY ATTEMPT

TO ARRIVE AT IDENTICAL WORDING MAY PROVE DIFFICULT AND
DELAY ISSUANCE BEYOND SEPTEMBER 12, WE STRONGLY URGE
DEPARTMENT TO AGREE THAT EACH SIDE USE ITS OWN VERSION,
WHICH IS TAILORED FOR ITS PARTICULAR AUDIENCE.

3. GON AGREEABLE TO WHITE HOUSE ISSUANCE OF PRESS
ANNOUNCEMENT AT 11:00 A.M. EDT AND WILL RELEASE ANNOUNCE-
MENT IN LAGOS AT 1600 HOURS LAGOS TIME.
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